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Received July 2, 1980

Mr. Jim Smith Coordinator of Mined Land Development Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining 1588 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Pleasantview Mine Variance ACT/057/003

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are submitting the following data in response to your memo dated February 14, 1979, same subject, so your agency can finalize our Mining/Reclamation Plan application.

(1) Attachment A, Item 14, Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations

This information has been revised to reflect the latest organizational changes in management which affects this plan. Please insert this revision in the appropriate space in your file.

(2) Variance to Rule M-10 (2)

Interpace is not necessarily requesting a variance to this rule, rather, we are requesting something more definitive than the general requirements of the rule. In our opinion, reseeding the disturbed areas with native grasses and shrubs would be entirely compatible with a post-mining suburban residential use.

(3) Compliance with Rule M-10 (1)

Past and present development in this area indicates this to be a farm area likely to undergo intensive urban development but, with low density residential development in a continuing rural atmosphere. The area has been zoned Agricultural A-1. Planning for and final restoration of this raw material source should therefore be consistant with the long range objective of the ultimate intended use of this site.

We feel residential development will largely depend on the social and economic pressures of the area. If recent activity is an indication of what can be expected in the future, then it would be reasonable to expect a startup of low density residential development in four to six years followed by more active development in 10-12 years.

(4) Reclamation and Restoration techniques

It is the intent of Interpace to reclaim and restore the disturbed area

to a condition suitable for urban residential development. Our commitment, we feel, is further augmented in the Plan of Operations submitted for this mine. Restoration of the disturbed areas is also a contractural obligation which Interpace has with the Mineral land owner.

The actual mechanics of backfilling, compacting, and grading the disturbed area to final subgrade is described in the Plan of Operations. We have indicated top soils will be stockpiled for future use. Subsoils and subeconomic materials will be used for backfill material during the mining cycle. Rock, 6 ft. minus size, is also available for backfill material. Although the elevation of the final subgrade will be lower than the original topography, the restored surface will be blended with the adjacent area so there will be no sharp line of demarcation between the two areas. Sufficient top soil will be distributed over the restored area to support grasses and shrubs.

(5) Revegetation & Test Plots

Test plots have not been started to date. We plan to set aside these test plots in 1980, experimental seeding to be done in September. Shrubs would be planted in the spring of 1981.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or need for futher information.

Sincerely yours,

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Northwest Area Mining/Geologist

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$\underline{\text{Attachment } A} \text{ - Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations}$

Item 14

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